

Utah Pollution Prevention Mercury Activities

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Current Activities

Auto Salvage

Voluntary collection program: 68 lbs of switches
Best Management Practices (Includes mercury switch removal)
Poster
On DEQ website:
www.deq.utah.gov/issues/Mercury/automobiles.htm
Proposed Legislation HB 138
Workshops for compliance
October 11, 2005- Environment 101
January 19, 2006- Storm water permits

Hospitals

Have applied for EPA to initiate Healthy Hospitals (H2E) program in Utah. This grant includes a mercury challenge program for all Utah hospitals.

Supported by DEQ, DOH, SLVHD, UHA

Schools

Currently applying to EPA for grant funds to work with Utah school districts and private schools for chemical clean outs. This includes mercury.

Public

Thermometer exchange program with Salt Lake Valley Health Department
Completing mercury brochure for public concerns and clean up procedures.

National

Serve on Environmental Council of States (ECOS) sub-committee called the national Quicksilver Caucus (QSC). The group works to share and coordinate mercury information between states and other NGO's.

www.ecos.org then go to Quicksilver Caucus

QSC has worked on a summary of state's mercury activities, product labeling and safe management